Government to demand a High Court Bench in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India do not take action in this regard on such memoranda until a proposal in this regard is received from the concerned State Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court. No such proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Unequal distribution of cases among Government Counsels

42. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in various high courts, there is unequal distribution of legal cases assigned to various Government Standing Counsels; and

(b) what is the Criteria adopted for distribution of cases among the several standing counsels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The distribution of cases among Government counsel is made, keeping in view the facts and importance of each case and the competence and expertise of the Government counsel concerned.

Change in the rural development policies in the light of observations of task force

43. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a task force to study and develop appropriate self-managing organisations and delivery systems for integrated development at village, block and district level;

(b) if so, what are the observations made thereof; and

(c) whether Government contemplates any changes in the rural development policies in the light of the observations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) A Task Force on Self-Managed Institutions for Integrated Development had been set up by Planning Commission and its report was submitted in December, 1991. Main recommendations made by the Task Force relate to:—(i) Study of changes required in the existing administrative structure, (ii) Achieving greater integration in the entire developmental administration at the district and block levels, (iii) Simplification of Cooperative Societies Act and Societies Registration Act, (iv) Setting up of a village institution to be called 'Gram Vikas Sangam' for the purpose of development without political overtones, (v) Setting up of national nucleus for promotion of voluntary institutions, (vi) A single window system for providing financial support to voluntary organisations, and (vii) Developing package for training and building up of community leaders for managing of voluntary organisations.

(c) The report of the Task Force requires extensive consultations with Ministries, Departments, Governments of States, Voluntary Agencies etc. This process has been initiated. After consultations, further action will be taken.